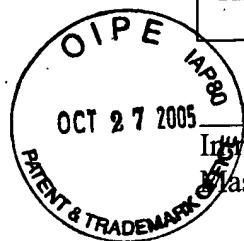


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### **AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated June 27, 2005, for which a response was due on September 27, 2005. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 27, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.